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DEPT PASS TREASURY FOR BOWDEN; LABOR FOR SAM JUSTICE

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SUBJECT: PERMANENT HOUSING FOR DEPARTMENT OF LABOR PROFESSIONALS

1. USRJEC OFFICE HAS LOCATED 16-HOUSE PLANNED
COMPLEX UNDER CONSTRUCTION. ESTIMATED COMPLE-
TION DATE FEBRUARY 1976.

2. FOR TREASURY INFORMATION THE TWO COMPOUNDS
CONSISTING OF 20 AND 16 HOUSES EACH AS DISCUSSED
EARLIER WITH BOWDEN ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE,
HAVING BEEN LEASED BY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND
LOCKHEED.

3. ACCEPTABLE HOUSING SHORTAGE CRITICAL.
NEW FIRMS ARE MOVING IN AND MORE ARE EXPECTED.
PEAK DEMAND FOR HOUSING NOT YET REACHED. PRICES
FOR LEASED PROPERTIES HAVE DOUBLED SINCE DECEMBER
1974 CONTINUE TO RISE, AS FEWER HOUSES BECOME
AVAILABLE.

4. MANPOWER TRAINING TEAM HAVE INSPECTED 16-
UNIT COMPLEX MENTIONED PARA 1 AND URGE TREASURY
SECURE PROPERTY BY RETURN TELEX AUTHORIZING
EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO NEGOTIATE
LEASE, FURNISH, AND MAKE READY FOR OCCUPANCY.
MANPOWER TRAINING TEAM HAS NEED FOR ALL 16
HOUSES.

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5. SAHARI PALACE HOTEL HAS OFFERED SIX MONTH OR ONE YEAR LEASE ON SIX VILLAS LOCATED OPPOSITE THE HOTEL GROUNDS. THESE VILLAS RANGE FROM ONE TO FOUR BEDROOMS AND ARE A PART OF THE HOTEL, WHICH INCLUDES ALL HOTEL SERVICES. THE SIX MONTH OFFER RESULTS IN 19 BEDS BEING AVAILABE FOR A TOTAL PRICE OF SR 277,500 WHICH IS A FIFTY PERCENT REDUCTION FROM THE STANDARD HOTEL COST. MANPOWER TRAINING TEAM SUPPORTS EMBASSY LIAISON OFFICER SHIRL MCARTHUR'S RECOMMENDATION TO LEASE VILLAS AS TEMPORARY QUARTERS. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. POSITIVE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IS URGED BY TREASURY PRIOR TO LATE ARRIVAL OF BOWDEN HAYES ET AL.

6. EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR FAMILIAR WITH SAHARI PALACE VILLAS AND CONCURS IN TEAM REQUEST ALTHOUGH SUGGESTS THAT SOME RECONDITIONING EXPENSE ALSO BE AUTHORIZED.
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